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LIGHTING PLANT PLANS RATIFIED

Both Boards of General Coun- was favorably acted on. cil Act Favorably.

Mayor Yeiser Objects to Terms port Is Adopted.

MEETING OF THE ALDERMEN.

The contract presented by the General Electric compusy of New York, in which it proposed to equip the city lighting plant for \$11,000, was ratified by both boards of the general council last night. The mayor's disapproval of the contract was strong, but the contract went through without a hitch. The mayor was in addition instructed and authorized to sign it at once, that the work of equipping the plant might begin without any further delay.

Aldermen Meet. Aldermen Hubbard, Miller and

Chamblin were absent. The minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings were read

and adopted. The regular order of business was disposed of in order to take up the the city engineer's office was rematter of contracting for equipping ferred.

the city lighting plant. Alderman Palmer, chairman of the light committee, read a contract proposed by the General Electric company of New York. It was the same printed previously, and provides for 300 light capacity dynamos with lamps, the old boilers and engines to be used. The cost is \$11. 000. A motion to accept the proposition, the money to be taken from

the contingent fund, was made. Mayor Yeiser presented a communication from representatives of other electrical firms protesting against the ratification of the contract because they had not been given the proper consideration in the letting of Jones street from Ninth street to the contract.

Mayor Yeiser then read his disapproval of the contract, saying that the contract, to his mind, was not a good one because of the fact that the city was not properly protected. The contract did not guarantee the plant from 5 to 30 days, the test to plication from William Estes, for a tee from the legislative boards and Mayor Yeiser declared the company would not agree to this. The company has control of all supplies, and if the system was adopted, would mean that the city would be in the power of the company. The report was filed

Alderman Hank spoke, stating that for the reason that one-third of lots in Oak Grove cemetery were the cost of the apparatus has to be paid on receipt, and without tests, meant well.

Alderman Farley slded with Alderman Hank.

Alderman Palmer stated that the contract is a printed form used altogether by the company in every town where it places contracts, and that the company has not deviated in long as he deemed it necessary. Alderman Palmer stated that he could not conceive of the General Electric company with its standing and vast business, selling "queer

Mayor Yeiser, in answer to query from Alderman Hank, stated that this is the first instance wherein any such clauses were inserted regarding pay for equipment, that he could remember.

was adopted, Alderman Hank voting work.

On motion the poard adjourned an ordinance passed governing the for twenty minues, and the lower blowing of steam whistles on mills, board convened.

Council Meets. Councilmen Dipple and Herzog adopted.

Mayor Yeiser read his call, which was for passing on the light matter and two bond interest debts. The total amount of interest is \$4,958.

The motion to allow the interest account was adopted. Mayor Yeiser read his opinion

averse to ratifying the contract with the General Electric company of New York. It was received and filed.

Chairman Williamson read the General Electric company's contract, and moved that it be ratified. The motion carried with an addition clause that the mayor be instructed and authorized to sign it .. Councilman Van Meter voted "nay."

On motion the board adjourned. Aldermen Resume.

The aldermen resumed session at

Alderman Palmer stated that in the report of the light committee in which Engineer John W. Holmes name was mentioned, the references made were not in any way to reflect on the engineer. He desired to make this statement in order to set the ticular. Apply on premises at 416 committee and Engineer Holmes North Fifth street.

Mayor Yelser asked that the city condemn property necessary to build pavements on Broadway from Sixteenth street to Seventeenth street. Mayor Yeiser also recommended extending pavements to the city limits on Broadway. The former suggestion

The matter of referring several prayers from taxpayers to the board of tax supervisors was ratified.

The contract with Thomas Bridges' Sons, of Wabash, Ind., for building a concrete enivert ander Caldwell street, near the Illinois Central denot was ratified.

Mayor Yeiser recommended an ordinance to require flagmen at the Tennessee street and Broadway crossings of the Illinois Central at night. The matter was referred.

Mayor Yeiser suggested an ordinance compelling the street car company to adhere to the franchise agreement by charging one-half fare for children from 5 to 12 years of age. The matter was referred.

A judgment for \$407.27, with interest, in favor of E. C. Terrell

against the city, was ordered paid. The board allowed the bond interest debt, allowed by the councilmanic board. It has to be paid by August.

E. H. Puryear, city judge, was authorized to buy several books needed in his court.

The city clerk was instructed to permit the sexton of Oak Grove temetery to make copies of his record book.

The matter of building a vault in

The report of the finance committee, for salaries, and accounts, amounting to \$3,963.80, was received and filed.

'An ordinance for side-walks on

An ordinance regulating the height of awnings in the business section of the city was given second reading.

An ordinance for side-walks on Fountain avenue from Jefferson street to Monroe street was deferred because the specifications had not been prepared.

An ordinance for side-walks on Eleventh street, was given first

The public improvement commit tee reported an agreement on the class of bridge for Island creek at Fourth street.

Alderman Bell presented an ap-

An application from B. Padgett, at 1533 Broad street, was favorably acted on.

Several complaints of over-assessments on property were referred to the tax supervisors.

Several deeds and transfers of ratified

'A contract with Elliott & Ghent he did not believe the company to care for the city garbage dump

The term of Lycurgus Rice, cow policeman, has about expfred, and Alderman Hank thought he should be retained. On motion the mayor was instruct.

Alderman Palmer moved that the board of public works extend city

street light wires to the capacity of two hundred lights. The motion to have the city light plant prepared for receiving the new machinery was adopted.

Alderman Palmer reported progress on the No. 2 sewer district, saying plans would be in the hands of the boards by August 1, and that Mayor Yeiser would at once adver-The motion to ratify the contract tise for bids in order to push the

Alderman Farley moved to have railroads, and in fact everywhere in the city limits. The motion was

City Engineer Washington urged speedy action on ordinances now tabled because of controversions.

The sewer work will have to go in first, and street improvements have suffered many delays. Mayor Yelser stated that he would call a meeting of the boards at any time in order to facilitate the matter. The solicitor was instructed to prepare all ordinances to be presented at once. A controversy over side-walk how the other half lives. Those who The chances for living a full centdimensions is causing the delay.

On motion the board adjourned.

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